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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-IN CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND.....1,500,000 Dollars.

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#### HONGKONG.

#### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

#### For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

#### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.  
" 6 " 4% " "  
" 12 " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which  
can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBLE,  
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....\$200,000.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$150,000.

#### Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND,  
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG  
grants Drafts on London and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe and the  
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of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of  
Banking and Exchange Business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per  
annum on the daily balance.

#### On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 8 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

## Entertainment.

GARRISON THEATRE.  
BY PERMISSION  
OF MAJOR-GENERAL E. DONOVAN, AND  
LIEUT.-COLONEL HALL, AND  
OFFICERS R.A.

#### (BY SPECIAL DESIRE.)

THE ROYAL ARTILLERY  
DRAMATIC CLUB,  
will repeat  
THEIR PERFORMANCE,

To-morrow Evening,  
the 19th April, 1879.  
For the benefit of a Widow of the  
Corps.

THE PERFORMANCE  
will commence with the  
DOMESTIC DRAMA  
in Two Acts, entitled  
THE CHIMNEY CORNER.  
And conclude with the  
ORIGINAL AND ENTERTAINING  
FARCE, entitled

B. B.

By kind permission the Band of 27th  
Inniskillings will attend.

Price of Admission:  
First Seats.....One Dollar.  
Second do.....50 Cents.  
Third do.....25 "

Tickets can be obtained at the OFFICERS'  
MSSRS, SERGEANTS' MESS, and CANTEEN  
SERGEANTS, R.A., and 27th INNISKILLINGS,  
and at the Doors on the Night of  
Performance.

Doors Open at.....8.30 p.m.  
To Commence at.....9.00 "

PUNKARS.  
" GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."  
Hongkong, April 18, 1879. ap20

THE HONGKONG CHORAL  
SOCIETY,  
WILL PERFORM  
TRIAL BY JURY,  
by  
ARTHUR SULLIVAN,  
AND  
DIBBIN'S BALLAD OPERA,  
THE WATER MAN,  
at the  
CITY HALL THEATRE,  
ON

TUESDAY NEXT,  
the 22nd Instant, at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained and Places se-  
cured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,  
on and after Thursday, the 17th, at Noon.

W. WHEELER,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.—  
Hongkong, April 15, 1879. ap22

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUG-  
TION, shortly, on a day to be  
hereafter named; unless previously dis-  
posed of by private contract.—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,  
Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now  
in Complete Working Order, and Capa-  
ble of Distilling upwards of 2,000  
Gallons daily. The Property is of almost  
valuable nature, comprising THREE  
PIECES OF GROUND close to the  
water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 751  
and 752, with the Substantially Built  
DWELLING-HOUSE and BUSINESS PRE-  
MISES, erected specially for the purpose  
only a few years since, together with the  
MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS,  
STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FIT-  
TINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to  
MESSRS SHARP, TOLLER, and  
JOHNSON,  
Solicitors, Supreme Court House,  
Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

THE Business of the Undersigned will  
in future be conducted under the  
Firm of SHARP AND DANEY.

SHARP & CO.,  
Estate Agents and Valuers,  
WILLIAM DANBY, C.E.,  
Architect and Surveyor

No. 6, Queen's Road Central,  
lately occupied by  
Messrs M. D. SASOON & CO.

Hongkong, April 17, 1879. ap26

## EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CALCUTTA SUN HATS and HELMETS in New Shapes.  
CHRISTY'S SUMMER STRAW and FELT HATS.

ELLIOTT'S EXTRA LIGHT PATENT AIR CHAMBER HELMETS.  
FRENCH LIGHT SUMMER BOOTS & SHOES, CANVAS SHOES.

ELECTRO-PLATED ICE PAILS, ICE TONGS, ICE SHOVELS, ICE PITCHERS.  
THE NEW ELECTRO-PLATED READING LAMPS for Kerosine, perfectly safe.

ELECTRO-PLATED CIGAR LAMPS, LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS.  
POCKET SIPHONAS and WATER-PROOF COAT.

AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS, PERFUMERY and TOILET SOAPS.  
INDIA RUBBER AIR BEDS, CUSHIONS and PILLOWS.

THE NEW CHIN BOOKS, MAPS OF AFGHANISTAN.  
CAFETIERES, COCOA-NUT MATTING & MATS.

NEW SCARVES, BRACES and COLLARS.

The PATENT LIFE JACKETS and SWIMMING BELTS.  
MEERSCHAUM and BRAIN PIPES. DE LA RUE'S and AMERICAN  
PLAYING CARDS.

The Celebrated HUNYADI JANOS MINERAL WATER.

SPRATT'S FIBRENE DOG BISCUITS, MAGNIFYING GLASSES.

MAPS OF CHINA.  
A LARGE COLLECTION OF WORKS

OF REFERENCE.  
FAMILY SCALES.

OVERLAND TRUNKS.

CLARETS, SAUTERNES and OTHER LIGHT SUMMER WINES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 2, 1879.

## Intimations.

LOST, on the Morning of the 15th  
Inst., a Black and Tan TERRIER  
PUP; has white spot on breast; answers  
to the name of "PUNCH."

A Reward will be given to anyone who  
may return it to Messrs J. INGLIS & CO.,

Wanchai.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879. ap23

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL  
FLOWER WATER.

VOGEL & CO.,

Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

FOR SALE.

DEVOE'S KEROSINE OIL, in One  
Pint Tin, according to the Ordin-  
ance.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 12, 1879. ap19

FOR SALE.

COKE.....\$7.50 per ton.

COAL TAR.....5 cents per gallon.

Delivery to be taken at the Gas Works,  
West Point.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879. ap20

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.

A N EIGHTH RETURN OF CAPITAL  
at the Rate of TWO TAELS per  
SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of  
the Company on the 3rd April, Payable at  
the Office of the Liquidator, on WED-  
NESDAY, the 9th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the  
Undersigned to Shareholders, or their  
lawful representatives, on presentation of  
Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 9th  
April, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, April 1, 1879. my7

SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL  
CHURCH.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the Seatholders of St. John's  
CATHEDRAL CHURCH, will be Held at the  
Vestry on THURSDAY, the 24th day of  
April instant, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose  
of electing Two Trustees for the ensuing  
year, and for passing the accounts of the  
Treasurer, under the Provisions of Clauses  
4 and 16 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1847.

Applications for Sitting may be made to  
the Undersigned.

EDMUND SHARP,  
Trustee and Treasurer to the  
Body of Trustees.

Hongkong, April 15, 1879. ap24

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES ANDERSON, formerly  
Manager of the Foochow Docks,

has this Day been admitted a Partner in  
our Firm.

J. INGLIS & CO.,  
Victoria Foundry, Wanchai.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879. jy8

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(Per H. E. A. &amp; C. Telegraph Co's Line.)

LONDON, 17th April, 1879.

Lord Derby has succeeded from the Conservative party.

At the Oriental Bank meeting the conduct of the Directors was approved, and the report carried unanimously.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The AMERICAN MAILS are now over-due by the P. M. steamer *Alegria*.The AMERICAN MAILS by the O. & O. steamer *Oceanic* may be expected here on Monday next, the 21st inst.The next ENGLISH MAILS may be expected here on Sunday next, the 20th inst., by the P. & O. steamer *Goliath*.

The cases at the Police Court to-day were mostly uninteresting.

The Marquis of Tseng, the Chinese Ambassador, and family, and a suite of about thirty persons, arrived at the Charing-cross station on the 23rd Feb. from Dover.

With regard to the German barque *Jacobine* having been refused a clearance for Whampoa, we believe that an application for her clearance to Chefoo has met with a similar refusal. We presume this has been done pending instructions from H. E. the Governor.

We understand that Mr Consul Lincoln, of Canton, has received a letter from General Grant, in which the General accepts the Viceroy's invitation to visit the provincial capital. Preparations are being made in Canton for the General's reception and entertainment.

The C.M.S.N. Co.'s steamer *McN* arrived here to-day, and we learn that there was no foundation for the rumour respecting her loss. She has made rather a rough passage up from Haliphong, and arrived here with her bunkers completely empty, all the coal having been required to finish the run.

CHINESE NOTES.

The regulations governing the acting appointments held by magistrates are very minute, but it is only possible to ascertain them one by one by picking out an instance here and there from the Peking Gazette. One of the objects of these rules is to guard against undue favoritism.

Out of all acting vacancies which occur in the posts of magistrate, only 20 per cent may be filled by Magistrates who are transferred from their own incumbencies, and only ten per cent can be filled by expectant magistrates.

Thus only a limited number of substantive magistrates can be temporarily transferred to better posts, and only half that number of expectant magistrates can act in such posts. The practical result is that at least half the best posts must be given to substantive office-holders, and at least half of the worst posts are given to expectants.

The present Acting Namhoi magistrate is substantive magistrate of P'ung, and the Acting Magistrate of P'ung is an expectant magistrate transferred from the post of acting magistrate of Samshui. Both these officers illustrate our rule.

According to Mr. Neale [Residence at the Capital of the Kingdom of Siam] the Siamese numerals are *Nung*, *ting*, *dan*, *see*, *ha*, *huk*, *chet*, *pai*, *kad*, and *seep*, a few of which appear to resemble somewhat strikingly the Cantonese *yat*, *s*, *sim*, *en*, *ny*, *tuk*, *tsat*, *pat*, *kau*, and *shap*. Mr. Neale also points out that the Siamese hour of rising is "when there is light enough to discern the veins of the hands." This is the Cantonese character of the arrival of night-time. Mr. Neale mentions, moreover, that the respect due to the priests "requires that everything be given to them with both hands," a fact which calls to mind a similar requirement of Chinese etiquette.無米之炊難爲巧婦 "The cleverest housewife cannot make a dinner without *rice*," or "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

掩目盜鈴之諺 "Stopping one's ears whilst stealing a bell,"—a Chinese expression akin to the "ostrich-like policy" of hiding self-evident difficulties away.

覆巢之下必無完卵 "There can remain whole a single egg when the nest is overturned." This expression was made use of when a friend recommended the son of an unfortunate statesman to fly from the spite of an enemy who had murdered or ruined his father. "I am not likely to escape scot-free in the general ruin of our family!" It is used with reference to rebels or criminals who are disposed to surrender before an overwhelming force.

金底遊魚 "The ghost swimming in the pot." The fish swimming in the water which has not yet begun to boil. This expression also has reference to the criminal at bay whose life is worth but a few moments' purchase.

## Intimations.

Volume Seventh of the  
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 4.—VOL. VII.

OF THE  
"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Jottings from the Book of Rites.  
Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.The Ballads of the Shih-king.  
Translations of Chinese School-books.The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.  
Alchemy in China.  
Appendix to Wyllie's "Coins of the Ta-ching Dynasty" "Hien Funn" Period.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries.

A Few Petty Additions to Dr Douglas'

Dictionary.

Trouts in China.

Ancient Vases.

Inheritance.

Greeting the Spring.

Adoption.

The Torn K'wei.

Mongol and Yuan-pao.

Leathold Usage.

Chinese Coins.

Coronation of the King of Loochoo.

The Outrage Alphabet.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &amp;c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

## Notices to Consignees

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Glencairn having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 o'clock on 14th.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO.

Hongkong, March 15, 1879. ap21

FROM LONDON, SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

THE S.S. Lord of the Isles having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1879. ap21

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Indus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 3 p.m. To-day, the 17th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday, the 24th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 17, 1879. ap24

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Ex "Pého."

A M. (in diamond) H L 8 (underneath) Nos. 8, Order, 1 case Cotton, from London.

F V Mr F. Vincent, 26 bags Beans, A L 1 from Saigon.

A Nos 185/142 Asses, 8 cases Umbrellas, from Marseilles.

A A No. 100, Meters Melchers &amp; Co.; 1 case Merchandise, from Marseilles.

S B Order, 22 bags Stones, from Madras, Hongkong, April 10, 1879.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "NAMOA,"

Capt. Winstroy, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; CO., Hongkong, April 18, 1879. ap22

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANOI.)

The Steamship "ATALANTA," Captain G. Petersen, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 7 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MEYER &amp; CO., Hongkong, April 18, 1879. ap22

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, ON

SATURDAY,

the 19th of April, 1879, at 3 p.m., at Mr KENNEDY's Horse Repository.

One NORTH-CHINA GRIFFIN PONY, quiet in Saddle and Harness; Also, One Fast Trotting MANILA PONY, with HARNESS and a TWO-WHEELED BUGGY.

F. RAPP,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 18, 1879. ap19

TO BE LET, for Six Months, A FURNISHED HOUSE, Good Situation up the Hill.

Address "BELMONT," Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, April 18, 1879.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

JOHANN FRIEDRICH, German brig, Capt. A. H. Kromke.—Wieser &amp; Co.

GOLDEN FLEECE, British barque, Capt. James Wiltshire.—Gilman &amp; Co.

ONEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Olymna.—Gibb, Livingston &amp; Co.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jensen.—Arnhold, Karberg &amp; Co.

QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt. R. H. Cary.—Adamson, Bell &amp; Co.

LORD OF THE ISLES, British steamer, Capt. T. S. Best.—Gibb, Livingston &amp; Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

April 18, Atalanta, German steamer, 782, Petersen, Touren April 10, and HOIHOW.—General—MEYER &amp; CO.

April 18, NAMOA, British steamer, 662, Westoby, Foochow April 15, Amoy 16, and Swatow 17, General—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; CO.

April 18, Afghan, British steamer, 1439, A. Hunt, Saigon April 18, Rice.—ADAMSON, Bell &amp; Co.

April 18, Me-li, Chinese steamer, 181, R. Marsden, Haiphong April 10, and HOIHOW.—C. M. S. N. Co.

April 18, Rajanattanahar, British str., 983, G. T. Hopkins, Bangkok April 9, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Ho.

April 18, Glencairn, British steamer, 1400, Graham, Kobe April 13, General—JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO.

April 18, Gertrude, British barque, 483, G. J. Prause, Kobe April 8, General—CARLOWITZ &amp; CO.

April 18, Sarpedon, British steamer, 1591, John Rea, Shanghai April 11, General—BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

## DEPARTURES.

Apr. 18, Lord of the Isles, for Shanghai, 18, Tanias, for Yokohama, 18, Wricker, for Swatow, 18, Sumatra, for London, 18, Salvador, for Manila.

## CLEARED.

Yutung, for Swatow.

Maharajah, for Saigon.

## ARRIVED.

Per Atalanta, from Haiphong, Captain Verree; from HOIHOW, 110 Chinese.

Per NAMOA, from Coast Ports, Bishop and Mrs Budion, and Mr Ebell.

Per MALECA, from Yokohama; for Venice, Mr J. Hartley and servant; for Southampton, Mr Beyer; for Hongkong, 5 Chinese.

Per ME-LI, from HOIHOW, Mr. Peter森, Comr. Carreau, Mr Morandine, Dr McCartney, and 46 Chinese.

Per RAJANATTANAHAR, from Bangkok, Mr C. W. Simon, and 142 Chinese.

Per GLENCAIRN, from Kobe, Mr Thompson.

Per SARPEDON, from Shanghai, for London, Rev. John Ross and son, Mr Martin, and daughter; and 500 Chinese, for Straits.

Per AFGHAN, from Saigon, 12 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Lord of the Isles, for Shanghai, Mr John Maxwell.

Per TANIAS, for Yokohama; from Hongkong, Dr. Shircore, Messrs Herbert Smith, and Dubufet; from Naples; Mr Woolley.

## TO DEPART.

Per Yutung, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

Per MAHARAJAH, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer Atalanta Reports: Had fresh E.N.E. wind, moderate sea and thick rainy weather all the time. In Touren: German barges Hermant and Anna Bertha. In HOIHOW: 1 German schr. Christian.

The British steamer Rajanattanahar Reports: Light winds and fine weather to Cape Padar, from thence fresh monsoon with heavy head sea; latter part equally and thick with rain.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

a corporation has successfully weathered a very risky spell of weakened confidence. The commercial outlook generally is spoken of as brighter, and Manchester markets are again beginning to look up.

At the Marine Court, Joseph Lavery, seaman British steamer *Glencairn* and James Grey, seaman British steamer *Lord of the Isle*, were charged with wilfully remaining behind from their ships. A passage had been provided for Lavery to Shanghai by the *Glencairn's* agents, but he refused to go, and was therefore sentenced to one month's hard labour; Grey said he came ashore and got a drop too much and missed his vessel. He was ordered to be kept in gaol until an opportunity offered for sending him to Shanghai, such imprisonment not to exceed one month.

WHEN the President of America sent the message to the House on Saturday night, March 1st, "vetoing the Chinese Restriction Bill on the ground of its improperly interfering with the Chinese Treaty, the House, at midnight, sustained the veto, 109 voting for the bill and 95 against it, the affirmative thus falling short of the two-thirds required by the Constitution for the passing of a bill. Telegrams from San Francisco report an uneasy feeling there, an outbreak being apprehended when the veto is announced. The Governor has ordered a military guard at the militia armories as a precautionary measure." We get this information from the London papers of March 7th, which have New York advices considerably later than we have yet received here owing to the unexplained non-arrival of the *Alaska*.

It has been subject of general remark that no answer has as yet been vouchsafed, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the resolutions passed at the great Public Meeting held at Hongkong in October last year. That public meeting, which was called upon requisition signed by the Hon. P. Ryrie and 63 others, was held on the 7th day of October last, and the resolutions were transmitted a day or two thereafter to the Colonial Secretary. It seems to us to be somewhat strange that no acknowledgment has yet been received; and, although no unusual expedition needs be looked for in a matter hostile to any member of the Colonial service, especially under the political pressure of the Zulu War, still some "movement of the waters" might have reached this Colony in six months' time. We are afraid if this delay has been adopted as a sort of cooling process, the attempt will be a failure. It is generally believed that the Hon. Mr. Lowcock, M.L.C., will proceed home shortly. Perhaps he might be induced to stimulate the lethargic energies of the pigeon-holing authorities at the Colonial Office.

PIRACY in these waters appears to be becoming as rife as it was in bygone days. It is true that foreign-built vessels are generally unmolested, but that they are not wholly free from attack has been evidenced very recently in the case of the *Elizabeth Childs*. Of course it was never for a moment supposed that pirates had ceased to carry on their nefarious trade; but they appear to be getting bolder and bolder now they find that foreign gun-boats do not interfere with them. A daring attack was made recently on the *Sun Yung Yik*, a junk of 2,000 pounds capacity, but we are glad to learn that the pirates came off second-best.

The *Sun Yung Yik* left this on the 29th ultimo, bound for a place called Cheung Sa in the Sun Win District, situated close to Sun-wui City. When within a few hours' sail of her destination she was hailed by some men in a boat who pretended to be Customs Revenue men, but the junk people suspected them, and refused to allow them to approach. The men in the boat then fired at the junk and left, but returned again with several other boats and commenced a determined attack. Seventy or eighty rifles were fired at the junk, killing the Master and one of the seamen, and wounding others. The junk people returned the fire in good earnest from their deck guns, killing about sixteen men and wounding some twenty more. The pirates then beat a retreat, and the junk, being favored with a fresh breeze, reached her destination in safety, where a report was made to the Chinese Officials. The junk has returned to Hongkong, and information having been received from Macao that the pirates intend making another attack on her, and have revenge for the loss of their comrades, it has been arranged that she shall leave in company with two others. It would be well if our authorities took steps to find out where this information has come from, which might lead to the arrest of this band of desperadoes.

The delays that have occurred in the official news regarding the Zulu war, reaching England, have had the effect of calling attention to the necessity for telegraphic communication with Natal and the Cape, and have led to the Government heartily

and promptly taking the matter up; it is now known that the line will be begun as soon as possible. Several routes and plans have been before the authorities. They had to consider the proposed route by the West Coast of Africa, the project of telegraphic lines through Central Africa, and the offer of a line to connect India and Mauritius along the eastern side of the continent. But the deputation which waited upon Sir Michael Hickman Beach received little encouragement to believe that the Central African route would be adopted. The western route advocated by Mr Donald Currie as linking our naval stations, St. Helena, Ascension with the Cape Colony, and St. Vincent with Capetown, was not pressed upon the Government by the company interested in the line to St. Vincent. The importance of the western route as an alternative one must, however, it is said, in good time secure attention. For the present emergency the Eastern Telegraph Company's project of connecting Aden with Zanzibar, Mauritius, and Natal will be adopted, since it offers the advantage of speedy completion. This will be effected, we are informed, by the appropriation to the line of communication from Aden to Zanzibar of 1400 miles of the telegraph cable which was intended for the duplicate line on the Eastern Extension, which will thus be somewhat delayed. But the world can better afford that delay than England can now afford to be a day longer than is absolutely necessary without telegraphic communication with that distant portion of her dominions whose very existence has of late been so gravely threatened.

HEDGE & CO.'S Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 12th April, 1879.—

Arrivals During the Week.—April 6, Tab Yew, from Shanghai; 6, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong; 8, Europe, from Shanghai; 8, Queen of the West, from Shanghai; 10, Vigilant, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—April 8, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong; 9, Tab Yew, for Shanghai; 11, Europe, for Shanghai; 11, Vigilant, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Ling Feng, E. Upmann, Lulu, Queen of the West.

BOOKED FOR HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.—

Per M. M. steamer *Irrawaddy*, from Marseilles, March 23.—Mr. Mrs. and Miss Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. McKee, Mr. Charles Kahn, Mr. G. Slade, Mr. Young, Mr. Munro, for Hongkong. Dr. Bratton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wells, Mr. Hart and family, Mr. Fries, for Shanghai.

Per M. M. *Tigre*, from Marseilles, April 6.—Mr. Brackenbury, for Shanghai.

Per P. & O. steamer *Pennah*, from Southampton, March 6.—Mr. T. Elliott, Commander S. E. Smith, Mr. S. W. Wright, Mr. C. Stewart, Mr. Crook, Mr. Tilley; (from Brindisi), Mr. G. M. Byers, Mr. W. B. Thomson, Mr. W. L. Hunter; (from Venice), Mr. Oliver, Mr. F. W. Thomas, for Hongkong. Mr. H. Dale, Mr. R. R. Letchford, for Shanghai.

Per P. & O. steamer *Trasimene*, from Venice March 14th.—Mr. Oliver, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. F. W. Thomson to Hongkong. Mr. and Mrs. Pirks, and two children, for Shanghai.

Per P. & O. steamer *Zambesi*, from Southampton, March 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomsett and child, and Miss Thomsett for Hongkong via Bombay.

Per steamer *Anton* (Holt's line) from Liverpool, March 2.—Mrs. Lawerdon for Hongkong.

The following is from the *Pall Mall Gazette*:

An order has been recently issued to the police force by Sir Edmund Henderson, containing certain no doubt highly valuable instructions, but at the same time suggesting some rather uncomfortable reflections. "In order," it runs, "to promote greater vigilance on the part of the police employed on beat or 'fixed point' duty in the district superintendents will in future, in all cases of murder, robbery and assault, burglary, or house-breaking, make full inquiries into the particulars of the case and report to the Commissioners whether any blame attaches to the police on duty in or near the place where the offence was committed, and whether there has been any neglect or want of vigilance on the part of the police. The divisional superintendents will take care to see that the names of the sergeant and constable concerned in all such cases are placed on the morning report, and that full information is given to the district superintendents to enable them to report to the Commissioners." All this is, doubtless, as it shou'd be; but it is certainly a little startling to find the Chief Commissioner of Police issuing instructions to make full inquiries "in future" into the particulars of offences committed in the various parts of the metropolis, with a view of ascertaining whether "any blame attaches to the police on duty in or near the place where the offence was committed, and whether there has been any neglect or want of vigilance." It would almost appear as if in the past no such inquiries had been thought necessary, and that that would have been part of the regular routine of police business already. His Excellency is most anxious, we are told, to keep the Fengshui-its Case out of Court. But we trust that the missionaries will stand by their rights as British subjects, and decline any settlement short of a fair and equitable compromise.

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We understand that the Viceroy of Chihli—Li Hung-chang—is making extensive preparations to receive General Grant at Tientsin. His Excellency will, according to present arrangements, meet the ex-President at the landing place and accompany him to his temporary residence. The usual Chinese salute of three guns will, we hear, be dispensed with in favor of a "royal" salute of twenty-one guns. So, the General will be highly honored.

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REGINA v. CHUNG AHEE AND WONG KEE LUM.

The prisoners were indicted for the larceny of a pillow-box containing clothing, money and valuables, and also for violently assaulting the complainant. Both were found guilty; the first, against whom there were three previous convictions recorded, was sent to five years' penal servitude on the first count, and twelve months' hard labour on the second count; the second defendant was sent to one year's hard labour.

REGINA v. WONG ASING.

The prisoner was indicted for robbery from the person. The jury found him guilty of the charge, and he pleaded guilty to three previous convictions. His Lordship sentenced him to three years' penal servitude.

REGINA v. LEUNG ATYUN.

The prisoner was found guilty of stealing a bangle from the person of a child and was sent to one year's hard labour.

(Before the Hon. Acting Justice, Mr. J. J. Francis.)

Mr Ng Choy prosecuted. The following gentlemen were empannelled as a Jury, Messrs F. J. dos Remedios, T. N. Driscoll, C. J. Corio, A. E. Abraham, M. de Souza, C. T. H. Kublau and G. Piercy.

REGINA v. CHAN ASHKAF AND LOW ACHUM.

The prisoners were indicted for stealing a ring at the shop of Messrs Falcone & Co., jewellers, Queen's Road Central.

The facts of the case have already been fully reported in our columns. The defendants went into the shop and wanted to purchase a ring. They were shown five rings, but, pretending that none suited them, were about to leave the shop when Mr Ross, the manager, stopped them and accused them of stealing the ring, which was found in the umbrella of the second defendant. Both prisoners were found guilty, and the second pleaded guilty to previous summary conviction. His Lordship sentenced the first prisoner to two years' hard labour, and the second to three years' penal servitude.

REGINA v. CHANG AMUI.

The prisoner was indicted for assaulting with an iron bar a chair-cooie employed by Dr. Ayres. It appears that several men assailed the complainant with iron bars, and one of them snatched 300 cash from his hand. But the evidence was very weak against the accused, and as it seemed quite probable that in the confusion he might have been mistaken to the identity of his assailants, the jury found him not guilty, and he was accordingly discharged.

REGINA v. U AOHEUNG.

The prisoner was indicted on three counts for child-stealing. The jury found him guilty and sentence was reserved.

China.

AMOY.

(Gazette.)

Four griffins arrived per *Sarpedon* from Shanghai on the 4th. They are reported to be useful looking beasts, and will make their *début* on the Amoy turf at the forthcoming races.

The final departure of the Revenue Cruiser *Fei Hoo* for Hongkong will

doubtless be viewed with regret by all our readers, her presence having long been regarded as one of the institutions of the Port. We are quite sure that her Captain and Officers carried with them the best wishes of this community.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, April 10.)

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Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRE,

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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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